(c) The Government has not received any such report.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) This aspect of development including quake-proof houses has been well taken care of in the scheme of reconstruction of houses for which house subsidy is being given to the affected families.

Renovation of Vigyan Bhawan

106. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that renovation work is being carried out at present in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi;

(b) the number of times renovation work has been carried there so far and the expenditure incurred on each occasion;

(c) whether it is a fact that at present renovation work has been entrusted to a single consultancy group without following the prescribed procedure; and

(d) if so, what are are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Renovation work is being carried out in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

(b) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d) Consultancy for renovation work has been entrusted to a firm. Open competitive offers were called and the work was awarded after deliberation and careful scrutiny by a Committee.

Theft of MTNL equipment

107. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of theft of M.T.N.L. equipment are on the increase in and around the Capital;

(b) the number of such cases detected during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the extent of loss incurred as a result of those thefts during the above period;

(d) whether Government have identified the theft-prone areas; and

(e) if so, what are the steps being taken to check the recurring thefts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir, MTNL equipment and underground cables are being frequently stolen in the capital affecting telephone services.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(d) Sir, these thefts are spread all over Delhi, worst affected areas being South and East Delhi.

(e) Measures like double locking of manhole covers on duct routes laying of cables in concrete on open culverts, and external chain and lock arrangement on PCM repeater cabinets have already been, undertaken Close coordination with Delhi Police Authorities is also being maintained.